

**PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD  
DECEMBER 7, 2004  
MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Michael Bettiga, R.Ph.; Charlotte Rasmussen; Susan Sutter, R.Ph.; John Bohlman, R.Ph.; Cindy Benning, R.Ph.

**EXCUSED:** Fredric Moskol, R.Ph. and Georgina Forbes

**STAFF:** Tom Ryan, Bureau Director; Bill Black, DRL Board Counsel; Kevin Murphy, Bureau Assistant

**GUESTS:** Doug Englebert, DHFS; Dave Kepler, Student – UW School of Pharmacy

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Michael Bettiga called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Additions:**

“Prescribing and Dispensing of Controlled Substances – DEA Interim Policy Statement” added before item B.

USP meeting invitation added under “USP Re-Processing – update.”

**MOTION:** Cindy Benning moved, seconded by John Bohlman, to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried unanimously.

**USP RE-PROCESSING – UPDATE – CINDY BENNING**

Ms. Benning stated that there is nothing new to report. After a discussion of enforcement issues, Board Counsel reminded the Board that it considered and rejected this proposal in 2003. Board Counsel also noted that he is not aware of any statute which grants to USP decrees the force of law.

No Board members expressed interest in attending the December 20, 2004 meeting to help develop the Pharmacists’ Pharmacopoeia.

**PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES – DEA  
INTERIM POLICY STATEMENT**

After a brief outline of the packet of materials before the Board, the Bureau Director noted that the DEA interim policy statement represented a reversal of its past position on multiple prescriptions. Board Counsel answered questions from the Board and recommended no change in practice until a more official action is taken by DEA. The Board agreed that they would take no action on the interim policy statement for now.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMS REQUIRED IN OTHER STATES – DISCUSSION**

The Bureau Director introduced a set of brief state-by-state summaries gathered by Barb Showers of the Exams Office and Avery Spunt of NABP. The Chair asked Board members for their opinion concerning the future of the consultation exam. Ms. Benning urged the Board to keep in place something similar to the current exam, noting that Wisconsin has an influx of Pharmacists and the exam is not acting as a deterrent. Ms. Sutter stated that she thought the exam might be overkill for UW students, who must pass a number of challenging exams in order to graduate. However, Ms. Sutter did voice support for an exam for out-of-state applicants—perhaps with an equivalency provision. Mr. Bohlman voiced support for the exam as a tool to evaluate skills not measured by didactic exams, but he questioned whether Departmental support exists for developing and maintaining a quality consultation exam. If not, he suggested eliminating it.

The Board then discussed the possibility of using the exam fees to hire a consultant or subcontractor to oversee the development and maintenance of the consultation exam, leaving administration duties with the Department. The Board asked the Bureau Director to arrange for Barb Showers to appear in February to answer questions regarding future options of the Board. The Bureau Director will also contact NABP regarding any activity on a national consultation exam and inquire about possible grant money to study the exams of other states.

## **REVIEW OF PENDING RULES – WILLIAM BLACK**

### **Wis. Admin. Code § PHAR 6.08 (Alarm Systems) – update**

The Bureau Director agreed to ensure the Department sends this rule for Clearinghouse Review, and he will work to schedule a hearing in February.

### **Wis. Admin. Code § PHAR 6.09 (Change of location, disaster preparedness) – update**

**MOTION:** Susan Sutter moved, seconded by John Bohlman, to approve the final draft of Wis. Admin. Code § 6.09 and send it to the Clearinghouse for review.  
Motion carried unanimously.

### **Wis. Admin. Code § PHAR 7.04 (Drug Returns)**

**MOTION:** John Bohlman moved, seconded by Susan Sutter, to approve the final draft of Wis. Admin. Code § 7.04 and send it to the Clearinghouse for review.  
Motion carried unanimously.

### **Wis. Admin. Code § PHAR 7.05 (Transfers)**

The Board agreed to discuss this pending rule at the February meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** John Bohlman moved, seconded by Charlotte Rasmussen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting: December 8, 2004**